

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Mark R. Thomas's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Thomas has devoted more than 28 years of his life to the service of this state and country in the Army and Army National Guard in the fields of Combat Engineer, Transportation, Maintenance, Field Artillery, and Administration, as well as service in Operation Desert Storm and many other state-supported activities; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

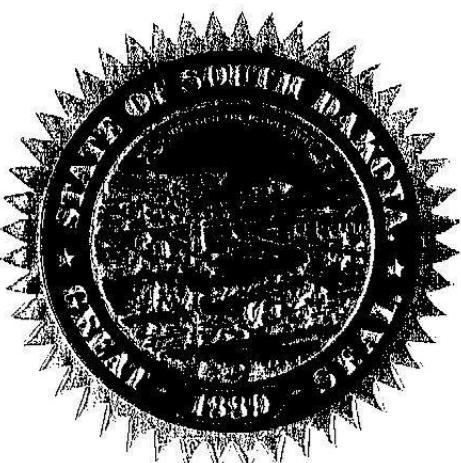
*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Thomas continues to give of himself; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Mark R. Thomas for more than 28 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

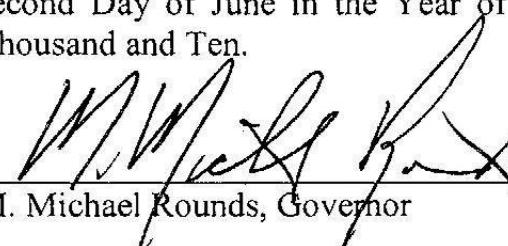
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

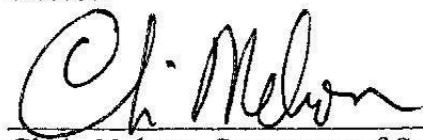


*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State